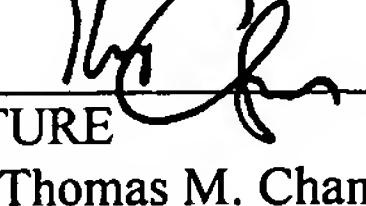


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| FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER BONNP39 |
| EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EQ 894336881 US | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/539139 To Be Assigned PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IT2004/000066 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 February 2004 (02.18.2004) | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION SUPPORTING ELEMENT FOR STRING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Riccardo BORDIGNON | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> | | |
| Items 11 through 20 below concern document(s) or information included: | | |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> | | |

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| <p>21. The following fees are submitted:</p> <table> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....</td> <td>\$300.00</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Use</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Office use only</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee.....</td> <td>\$200.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee.....</td> <td>\$500.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</td> <td>\$ 1,000.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p> | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee..... | \$300.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Office use only | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee..... | \$200.00 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee..... | \$500.00 | | | TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00 | | \$ 1,000.00 | |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) | | | | \$ 130.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Independent claims | 1 - 3 = | 0 | x \$200.00 | \$ 0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (IF APPLICABLE) | | | + \$360.00 | \$ 0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 1,330.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½. | | | | \$ 665.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)) | | | | \$ 0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$ 0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge our Deposit Account No. <u>501998</u> in the amount of <u>\$665.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that might be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>501998</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>IP STRATEGIES 12 ½ Wall Street Suite I Asheville, NC 28801 Voice - (828) 253-8600 Facsimile - (828) 253-8620</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p> SIGNATURE NAME: Thomas M. Champagne REG. NO. 36,478</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Date: <u>August 10, 2006</u></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |